

WEARE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2006

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Blouin, Valerie King, Chuck Metcalf, Tom Reynolds, Brian McDonald, John Nikkais, Heleen Kurk
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:26pm
SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE: (Dot O'Neil) March luncheon: 26 people came. About ½ were Happy Wearites.

Meeting Update: About 15 people came to the last meeting. It was decided that they would go to the Cat and Fiddle for April's luncheon.
Future Luncheon Ideas:

--Picnic at Chase Park before school lets out (June 20th). Move to Town Hall if bad weather.

--Entertainment ideas include a Master Gardener (\$30-\$50) or perhaps a guitar player --Adults only. Coming out of Senior Budget John made a motion, seconded by Chuck, "to spend up to \$150 for a senior luncheon/activity for June". All in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Greene, on behalf of the Weare Congregational Church, requested to have a section of Chase Park be reserved for a Beach Party Revival and Pig Roast on August 12, 2006. They will be having food, music and speakers. All are welcome. The church will look into car pooling to reduce parking congestion and issues with non-resident admission. Church members will clean up the area afterwards. It was suggested that the cooking area be roped off and that the church possibly contact the fire department about any safety issues. Heleen will call Primex about insurance requirements.

Bruce Clements, on behalf of WAC, came by with an update on the athletic facility idea. Bruce visited the Candia facility and attended a board meeting. That facility is 125'x175'. It cost \$77,000 (but are currently having problems with the roof) It is heated with 2 propane blocks. It is not air conditioned in the summer. Heating costs for Jan-March were \$4,200 and electric cost were 2,267. They have a facility employee who books activities and opens and closes the facility. He works 20 hours a week at \$15/hour. In addition to usage fees, they also support the facility with fund raisers. The facility appears to break even. Bruce is looking into the possibility of obtaining funding for a facility in Weare through the Mildred Hall Trust.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

John made a motion, seconded by Chuck, "to accept the (March) meeting minutes as written". Two abstentions (Heleen-left last meeting early; Brian-did not attend last meeting). Motion approved.

2006 BUDGET:

BOS disconnected a phone from the PARC phone system (without notifying PARC). As a result, there was a \$100 disconnection fee on the latest bill. Now only the phone at the part is on line and Jim hasn't been able to call out from this phone. Heleen suggestion that Jim use the phone in the work room. She also stated that the disconnection fee will come out of the BOS budget.

CHASE PARK:

Jim to lock the gate and then re-open for sunrise services. Jim will ask Bruce to do spring clena-up at the beach before church services. Tentative date for youth interviews is Friday, April 21st. We have only received 6 applications to date (2 from last year). Tom made an announcement that we are still accepting applications and where to locate the forms. Tom will call the kids from last year.

Tom will be attending the BOS meeting on the 17th to get salary rates for the gate attendants.

\$319 on the budget sheet was spent on signs for the Park (including Lifeguard on/off duty) New well drilling and pump costs: \$9/foot to drill, \$16/foot for casing, \$1,960 for pump package (may be less since we already have a tank). A drilled well will give us drinkable water for a bubbler. Tom will ask BOS for their feelings on the idea of drilling the well at their April 17th meeting.

Replace rope water line

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Brian, "to allow Jim to spend up to \$350 for the purchase of 600' of rope and 50 buoys for the swim line at Chase Park. All approved. Motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Irrigation system at Bolton: will need to hire someone (Landscape Supports=\$270) or get volunteers to check the system. There are 26 zones and will take about an hour complete the check. John is willing to help Jim out with this.

Cost of installing an irrigation system at Ineson: Electrical (to shed housing)=\$400, Pump (3 horsepower, 6 gauge wire)=\$4,400 and Irrigation system (same model as approved 2 years ago)=\$6,836.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Brian, "to have Tom go to BOS on Monday (April 17th) to request approval to install irrigation at Ineson field at of up to \$1,200". All in favor. Motion approved.

Line Dancing: Instructor can do it on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Needs 9 people to break even.

Concerts: Saturday concerts work best. Cookouts may also be included.

Jim will send a schedule out soon.

Jeannie for swim lessons: She is interested, but not ready to schedule yet (has to see if it works with her summer schedule). PARC need to go to BOS for approval to hire her.

Carl to work on drainage at Bolton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting with BOS tomorrow (Wednesday the 12th) at 7pm.

Jim's raise will be one of the items Tom will bring to BOS on Monday (April 17th). He will bring our recommendations for a raise.

The soccer field at Bolton lot line adjustment also needs to be brought to BOS attention. Heleen has it on the BOS agenda.

Skateboard Park: school said it had to be move (only had 5 days notice).

It is currently being housed at the storage shed until a new home (permanent or temporary) can be found. The school has funding in their budget to put the skateboard back after construction is complete, but the school has indicated that they would prefer it not go back on school property. Finding a solution to this issue will require a meeting with representatives from PARC, BOS, the school board, police, highway, the American Legion and the public. Tom will send Heleen dates and times for the beginning of May (after we know when the school board is available).

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Fialo will be the next BOS ex-officio beginning in May.

Bolton Field: A member of the public has asked that there be a public hearing/forum for bringing ideas from the public to the table. Target for late-May. Will need 14 days advance notice for posting requirements. Tom will ask BOS if they are able to have a public hearing the week of the 29th.

Letter from CT resident asking for permission to use a metal detector at the Town Parks. It was brought to PARC's attention that anything he

finds would be considered town property. PARC does not have the authority to grant permission for him to keep what belongs to the people of Weare.

There were also concerns regarding the irrigation system being excavated.

Valerie to write a response denying request.

Fertilizing: Tom does not want to approve all applications at once and will instead approve them as they come up so we don't overspend this line item.

At 9:38, Tom made a motion, seconded by Brian, to go into a non-public session under 91-A:3, II a and c. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion approved.

(Discussion on adult hires for Chase Park) 10:00 pm Tom made a motion, seconded by John, "to come out of non-public session." Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Tom, "to recommend to BOS to hire Kathy Robeichaud as head gate keeper and Bob Thomas, Pam Averill, and Michael Sullivan as assistant gate keepers and recommend a salary of \$10 for head gate keeper and \$9 for assistant gate keepers. All in favor. Motion approved.

At 10:03, Chuck made a motion, seconded by Valerie, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion approved.